

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of February 11, 2008 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to specify in step (b) that the determined unique 64 bit identifier is permanently stored on the integrated circuits by selectively blowing 224 bits of fuses. Support for this amendment can be found at paragraphs [2078] and [6588]-[6594] of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-28 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application.

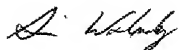
Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-28 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by previously cited Mi, Debry and Collins in view of newly cited Wiener (US 7,273,483), because none of these cited references, and in particular Wiener, does not teach or suggest permanently storing determined unique 64 bit identifiers on integrated circuits by selectively blowing 224 bits of fuses, as is required by amended independent claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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